

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE HOME OF R.ROTH ON 20 FEB 2001

Present: R.Roth, R.Clifford, A.Hill, J.Watson, R.Joubert, G.Culverwell

Apologies : P.Hawkins, C.Lake

1. Meeting commenced at 7.15pm - minutes of previous meeting accepted with corrections as follows :-
 - a) RC agreed to draw up a list of things to be done for the July Star Party - not to head-up a sub-committee to plan the event and make it happen
 - b) Open evenings at observatory to be held twice a month, not every Friday evening
2. Matters arising - confusion over starting time of committee meetings, which will commence at 7.30pm in future
- thanks to RR et al who contributed to the Centre meeting on 14/2/2001
3. Planning
Wed 14/3/2001 - ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY (RR, AH, H.Buchler, H.Tunmer G.Prosser) - RR to convene
Wed 28/3/2001 to Tue 3/4/2001 - SASOL SCIFEST in Grahamstown
Fri 6/4/2001 - Observatory evening - thereafter every 1st and 3rd Friday - JW to prepare schedule of dates
Wed 11/4/2001 - Forum on International Space Station
- JW to convene
Wed 9/5/2001 - presentation on Degenerate Matter in the context of star formation & death
Wed 13/6/2001 - Annual General Meeting
Thu 21/6/2001 - Solar Eclipse in Zambia
Sat 21/7/2001 - Public Star Party for fund-raising
Future - JW to track down P.Vermaak, and also contact new lecturer at UNP Physics Dept
4. Membership

<u>New Members</u>	Hayley Wood	<u>Prop</u>	J.Watson	<u>Sec</u>	G.Culverwell
	Edward Elson		R.Roth		A.Hill

 - Mr Princen is 'Johannes', not 'Hans'
 - GC due to leave for overseas on 1st April - her father will take over her membership - advertise in STARDUST for a new librarian - hearty thanks for all she has done !
 - Danie Overbeek is recovering from a stroke - JW to send a 'get-well' card
5. Correspondence
 - Feb 2001 S&T with 48 Doris asteroid profile prepared by the 'Gauteng 4'
 - SCIFEST programme
 - Occultation programme from D.Overbeek/B.Warner
 - ASSA Council extracts (from M.Christianson) concerning
 - i) Dark Skies liaison
 - ii) Imaging competition(s)
 - iii) Banners - can spend up to R500
 - Harare comments on ASSA Council meeting of 21/11/2000 ?
 - letter of thanks from Minerva Club
 - Star Week in Capetown (Kirstenbosch)
6. Treasurer
 - balance on hand R 3331,11 (Subs in R 77,50, Claims R293,36)
7. STARDUST (to be ready by 28/2/2001)
 - advertise missing S&T issues and vacant librarianship
 - include Member telephone number updates
 - AH to submit leader article - RR to research "ponzo" eff.
8. Library
 - D.Mann has donated 2 yrs worth of S&T magazines, including 2 of the issues that were missing
 - 'Canopus' has details of a new nova
 - Pretoria Centre to host ASSA Symposium in 2002

- Drexel Univ advertising for an astrophysicist ?
- 2 laminated posters missing - JW to investigate

9. P.R.O.

- RJ has printed (photocopied) approx 50 more copies of the new brochures/application forms
- RC has distributed new forms to Natal Library & Museum
- RC has prepared an advertisement to go up at MACS
- Star Party - RC has prepared a list of things to do
 - RR and JW will phone around the entire membership to enrol volunteers for the event, and also to be on duty at the proposed Observatory evenings
(RR A to J JW K to Z)
- Calendar - RR needs suggestions for other info to be included (star charts, pictures etc)
 - need a sponsor to finance the printing !

10. Observatory & Instruments

- security gate a great success, especially now that all the surrounding plantation has been harvested - thanks to all involved
- work party on 18/2/2001 also a great success - thanks again to all who helped
- Lighting - AH investigating a solar-panel system which can be donated by BP
- H. Buchler willing to help with rifle sight and sleeve
- RJ given his key for the security gate
- JW to investigate application for a 'grant-in-aid' from the new KZ222 municipality (Hilton/Howick)

11. Education

- JW to address Hilton College Science Soc on 28/2/2001
- RC has followed up on newspaper report of a Science Centre to be built within the new casino - funds are available for 'community projects' - RC has written letter

12. General

- After some debate, it was agreed that committee meetings would continue to be held on the Tuesday following each Centre monthly meeting
- suspect/prospect members Mr P. Pieters, Dr B. Maxwell
- UNP offering a non-mathematical Physics course

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 20 March 2001 at home of A.HILL at 7.30pm